

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCHISE COUNTY TO  
JOIN  
THE EASTERN ARIZONA COUNTIES ORGANIZATION (ECO) AND EXECUTE  
THE IGA AND BY-LAWS.**

Whereas, Arizona Revised Statutes 11-952 authorizes two or more public agencies to enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action, and;

Whereas, the Arizona Counties of Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo requested in 1993 by joint resolution that the State of Arizona assist the Counties in developing a process to implement Presidential Executive Order 12372 (P.E.O. 12372) related to the clearinghouse process for review of Federal programs which affect the custom, cultures and economic well-being of the Counties, and;

Whereas, the Counties are all dependent on measured and appropriate development of all resources to ensure public welfare and promote economic stability, and;

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Counties to combine their efforts whenever possible to further the goals of ensuring cultural and social preservation, and enhancing economic stability and growth as relates to the management of resources, and;

Whereas, the Counties have undertaken to make scientific, economic, social and cultural information and other data available for analysis to help guide themselves and other agencies in making the best resource management decisions, and;

Whereas, cooperation on the regional level between all parties involved in such decisions is deemed to be most advantageous, and;

Whereas, the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) consisting of membership from Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo Counties was created in 1993 by Intergovernmental Agreement between Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo Counties, and;

Whereas in the years from 1993 to 2015 ECO evolved to provide to the Original ECO Counties a clearinghouse of technical, scientific, social, cultural and economic information and advice to the individual counties for more effective interaction, coordination and collaboration in the decision making process with federal and state agencies, and ;

Whereas in 2015 the Arizona County of Cochise expressed the desire to join ECO and Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo Counties expressed the desire to include Cochise County in ECO, and ;

Whereas, it is believed that the best method for ensuring that the overall functions of ECO are carried out is to formalize the ECO structure through adoption of an amended intergovernmental agreement and approval of appropriate Bylaws to guide the conduct of ECO business.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Supervisors of Cochise County approves the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement among Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo Counties amending the agreement establishing the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO), which authorizes the membership of Cochise County in the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization; and, authorizes the Chairman to sign the Amended IGA and Supervisor Searle to sign the Amended By-Laws, attached hereto.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona, this 15th day of September, 2015.

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PATRICK CALL, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Arlethe G. Rios  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil  
Deputy County Attorney